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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, YE, US

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF YEMENI PRIME MINISTER

1. CHEF DE CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER INFORMED ME TODAY THAT PRIME MINISTER PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BOULDER, COLORADO, ON 17 AUGUST TO SPEND DAY OR SO RESTING AND RECUPERATING FROM JET LAG. PM LOOKS FORWARD TO PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE ON 19 AUGUST.

2. PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND CHEF DE CABINET MOHAMMED ABD AZIZ SALAAM. NO WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY THIS TRIO.

3. GROUP EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR PRIVATE VACATION ON 20 AUGUST AND BE IN WASHINGTON BY 23 AUGUST.

4. I TOLD MOHAMMED ABD AZIZ SALAAM THAT I EXPECT SOME WORD SOON ON APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON. SALAAM HAD JUST CHECKED WITH PM ABOUT SCHEDULE AND SAID AT ONCE THAT PM AND FONMIN WANT TO SEE PRESIDENT CARTER. I TOLD HIM AS I HAD EARLIER TOLD PM THE CHANCES OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER "WERE ZERO" SALAAM REPLIED THAT YEMENIS THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS ON HIGHEST LEVEL WITH USG AT TIME WHEN DANGERS TO MODERATES IN PENINSULA HAD MOUNTED SHARPLY AND NORTH YEMEN WAS ENTERING NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. IN  
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ARMS SUPPLY AND POLITICAL ALIGNMENT. I SIMPLY REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR PRIME MINISTER TO SEE PRESIDENT BUT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED IN WHICH ALL YEMENI CONCERNS COULD BE EFFECTIVELY AND FULLY DISCUSSED.

5. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ARE MOST

SOPHISTICATED OBSERVERS OF SOUTH ARABIAN SCENE. THEY  
ARE ALSO FAST FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN  
PERIOD THEY FEEL THEIR LIVES AT STAKE AND SECURITY OF THEIR  
COUNTRY IS AT RISK, THESE MEN WANT PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PRIVATE  
CONSULTATIONS AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF USG. UNLESS WE PREFER  
TO MILITARIZE OUR RESPONSE TO SITUATION IN TWO YEMENS, WE  
SHOULD ACCOMMODATE THEM TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. PRIVATE OFFICE  
CALL ON PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE, FRANKLY, MORE EFFECT THAN  
SHIPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS TO SANA. I RECOMMEND IT.  
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